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FRENCH AMBASSADOR TODAY GAVE ME ACCOUNT OF INTERVIEW WITH KHRUSHCHEV ON SATURDAY OF FRENCH MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION SUDROT RPT SUDROT AND HIMSELF. DISCUSSION QUICKLY PASSED FROM CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS, IN WHICH KHRUSHCHEV SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST, TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS. LATTER SAID FRENCH SUPPORT OF AN INTIMACY WITH WEST GERMANY, PARTICULARLY ADENAUER, ONLY DARK SPOT IN GENERALLY GOOD FRANCO-SOVIET RELATIONS. IN ORDER REMOVE DANGER TO PEACE AND ACHIEVE STABILITY IN EUROPE GERMAN PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED. REALITY WAS EXISTENCE OF TWO GERMANIES AND NEED FOR PEACE TREATY. LATTER WOULD SETTLE FRONTIER QUESTION AND ELIMINATE DANGERS REPRESENTED BY REVANCHISM AND REVISIONISM. SOVIETS WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SETTLE MATTER THROUGH NEGOTIATION WITH WEST BUT FAILURE HERE WOULD LEAVE ONLY ALTERNATIVE OF SIGNATURE OF SEPARATE PEACE TREATY. DEJEAN EMPHASIZED THAT KHRUSHCHEV RATHER THAN THREATENING SUCH MOVE, HAD REPEATEDLY ASSERTED IT WOULD BE LAST RESORT MEASURE. DEJEAN FELT KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT EXCLUDE PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT ON BERLIN, WITH SOME DEAL ON WESTERN STATUS AND RIGHTS. AT NO TIME DID KHRUSHCHEV SUGGEST ANYTIME LIMIT BE PLACED ON EFFORTS TO SETTLE PROBLEM. FRENCH COUNTERED WITH POINT THAT SOVIET UNION WAS SO STRONG IT COULD NOT RPT NOT FEAR WESTERN GERMANY. LATTER WAS FOLLOWING DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEFUL POLICY. FRANCE CONSIDERED OTHER PROBLEMS, SUCH AS DISARMAMENT, MORE URGENT. KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT CONTEST THIS.

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HE SAID SOVIET UNION ALSO CONSIDERED DISARMAMENT BOTH IMPORTANT AND URGENT AND WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RETURN TO THE GERMAN PROBLEM AT SOME POINT.

ACCORDING TO DEJEAN, KHRUSHCHEV DID MAKE CLEAR THAT IN SOVIET VIEW SIGNATURE OF SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH EAST GERMANY WOULD EXTINGUISH ALL OCCUPATION RIGHTS OF WESTERN POWERS. KHRUSHCHEV SAID SOVIET UNION WAS ENTITLED TO EQUALITY OF TREATMENT. WHEN JAPANESE PEACE TREATY SIGNED BY WEST SOVIET UNION HAD BEEN INFORMED THIS ENDED OCCUPATION AND THEIR MILITARY MISSION IN JAPAN SHOULD CLOSE DOWN,

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